

Figure.7. qRT-PCR results of *SNAT* and *ASMT* expression levels in silenced transgenic plants. A. The expression levels of *SNAT* in four-weeks old Wild-type (Col-0) and *SNAT* silencing lines. Compared with Col-0, *SNAT* in *snat-1* line decreased to 0.29, which was about 3.45 times lower. The *SNAT* of *snat-2* line decreased to about 0.11, which was about 9 times lower than that of Col-0. B. The expression levels of *ASMT* in four-weeks old Wild-type (Col-0) and *ASMT* silencing lines. The results showed that in the *ASMT* silenced transgenic plants, the expression levels of *ASMT* gene were significantly reduced in *asmt-1* and *asmt-2* compared with Col-0. *ASMT* in *asmt-1* line decreased to 0.05, which was 20 times lower. The *ASMT* of *asmt-2* line decreased to about 0.14, which was about 7.14 times lower. The data (mean \pm SD) were calculated using three replicate assays, with the standard errors indicated by the vertical bars.

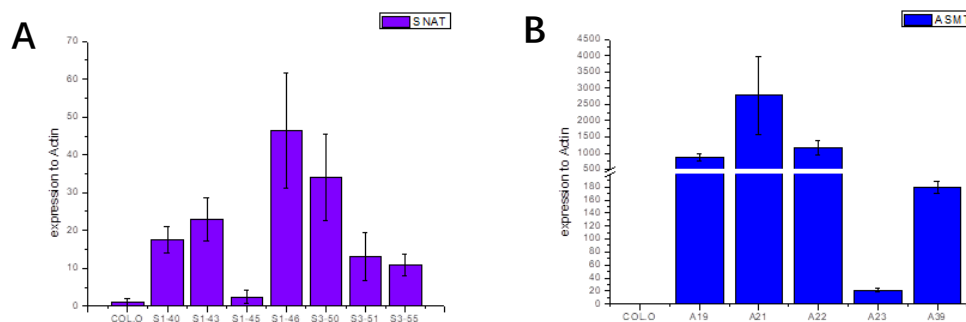


Figure.8. qRT-PCR results of *SNAT* and *ASMT* expression levels in overexpressed transgenic plants. A. The expression levels of *SNAT* in four-weeks old Wild-type (Col-0) and *SNAT* overexpressed lines. Compared with Col-0, *SNAT* in *SNAT-OE-46* plants line increased to about 47, which was about 47 times higher. The *SNAT* of *SNAT-OE-50* line increased to about 35, which was about 35 times higher than that of Col-0. B. The expression levels of *ASMT* in four-weeks old Wild-type (Col-0) and *ASMT* overexpressed lines. The results showed that in the *ASMT* overexpressed transgenic plants, the expression levels of *ASMT* gene were significantly increased in *ASMT-OE-21* and *ASMT-OE-22* compared with Col-0. *ASMT* in *ASMT-OE-21* line increased to about 2750, which was about 2750 times higher. The *ASMT* of *ASMT-OE-22* line increased to about 1250, which was about 1250 times higher. The data (mean \pm SD)

were calculated using three replicate assays, with the standard errors indicated by the vertical bars.

In this experiment, lines with significantly different expression levels than Col-0 were selected. Lines of *snat-1*, *snat-2*, *asmt-1* and *asmt-2* were treated as silenced transgenic plants. Meanwhile, lines of *SANT-OE-46*, *SNAT-OE-50*, *ASMT-OE-21* and *ASMT-OE-22* were used as overexpressed transgenic plants, which were respectively renamed as *SNAT-OE-1*, *SNAT-OE-2*, *ASMT-OE-1* and *ASMT-OE-2*.